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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 14TH, 1906.

In a recent conversation at Hongkong, a man was rudely laughed at for using the phrase "depreciation of gold". The talk was of the everlasting currency question, of course, and the man who laughed, cocksure that gold being the standard could neither depreciate nor appreciate, had none of that humorous humility which made the late JOHN BRIGHT confess that he did not understand the Currency Question, though he was "credibly informed there are people who do". This little anecdote is revived in a suggestive article in *The Monthly Review*, entitled "The New Gold and the New Era". The writer, premising that the world is at present "abruptly ascending to an entirely new price level", says it is quite safe to forecast that "within the next few years all the professors will be busily discussing the Depreciation of Gold". So the Hongkong man who was laughed at, if he see these lines, may be cheered to find that he was nearer the mark than the scoffer. His point was, if we remember it right, that Appreciation of Silver was *ipso facto* Depreciation of Gold; and the article referred to does not contradict him in showing that Depreciation of Gold equals Appreciation of Prices, and vice versa. The discovery of gold in California in 1849, and of the Australian placers two years later, notably disturbed prices. Alternatively, gold then depreciated, and prices appreciated in sympathy. Recently we quoted in the *Daily Press* the latest "index numbers" to prices that are published in the *Times* by Mr. SAUERBECK, who takes the wholesale prices of the forty-five leading commodities, and strikes an average from their monthly

rise or fall. Taking 100 as his index number for 1867-1877, he shows how, since this century opened, prices have risen from "70" in 1801 to "72" in 1905, and in 1906 they were (in January) "75.2" and last May "77". The tendency is steadily upwards. Alaska and South Africa have helped to cheapen gold. Being the standard, its depreciation has to be expressed in terms of appreciation of other things, silver included. Ten years ago, experts were fond of the argument that gold was the only possible standard because its supply did not fluctuate. In 1883 the gold production of the world was 4,614,588 ounces; last year it was 18,211,419 ounces. You can buy more gold now for less silver than you could in 1883. Gold has depreciated; and the critic who laughed, unlike silver, failed to appreciate. Here is an interesting little table showing the percentage of production of gold and silver—

Period	Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver
1881-85	5	95	45.5	54.5
1886-90	4.8	95.2	44.5	55.5
1891-95	4.8	95.2	44.5	55.5
1896-1900	7	93	54.6	45.4
1901	6.8	93.2	52.7	47.3
1902	8.1	91.9	58.9	41.1
1903	8.6	91.4	60	40
1904	9.1	90.9	61.5	38.5

These figures, with others, are carried much further back in a report by the Director of the United States Mint for 1905; and prior to the discoveries of 1849 there was a slump in prices, showing that the yield of gold and silver was not sufficient to fit the growing trade and population. There was not enough money to go round, it was dear, or "tight"; prices were low; an ounce of gold was worth far more potatoes than it is now; in short, gold had appreciated. Its potato value was higher, just as its silver value to-day is lower. Writing to the *Economist* in 1869, Professor JEVONS said:

"I cannot help, then, reasserting with the utmost confidence that a real rise of prices, to the extent of 18 per cent., as measured by fifty chief commodities, has been established since the year 1849. This is an undoubted depreciation of Gold, because it represents a real diminution in the general purchasing-power of gold."

We have quoted so far for the benefit of *l'homme qui rit*, and for his like; M. MOREUX FRENCH'S article aims at people better informed, and his object seems to be the rehabilitation of silver as a currency medium, or at least to give it a bimetallic status. We need not trouble ourselves yet with that complex and formidable subject; but it is of very great interest to the Far East to study whether he is right as to the rapid depreciation of gold, which means for us, under present arrangements and falling an enormously increased production of the white metal, a continued appreciation of silver. Professor FRANKLIN CARPENTER says the rate of gold production has doubled in ten years, and probably will again double in ten years; it will therefore depreciate; but notwithstanding its increased production causes prosperity. Mr. FRENCH argues that if Professor CARPENTER prophecies truly and his forecast is already receiving support—"it would be safe to estimate that wages will have advanced 150 per cent. before 1926, and the price of land in the British Isles will have doubled". These calculations, however, ignore the consideration that, with gold depreciating at such a rate, the output would be restricted by the closing of mines, owing to the rise in the cost of plant and labour. Mr. FRENCH interestingly says:

"Take, for example, the great Homestake mine in Dakota; this mine has produced sixteen millions sterling and paid four millions in dividends, so that an increase of only 25 per cent. in mining costs, in other words, an equivalent fall in the value of gold, would deprive its operation of all profit. Is it not possible that the *mines in South Africa* may be consueted with that depreciation of gold which we now recognise as in its very initial stages? It is probable, too, that the abandonment of many South African mines, the working of which is attributed to the Phoenicians, may have been caused by just such a sudden advance of all prices as that under present diagnosis. It is at least conceivable that the low grade ore bodies of the Rand, deserted in this century because of the depreciation of gold, may be re-exploited a thousand years hence when the world's prices have again been submitted to some vast process of shrinkage—in an era, that is, of a new appreciation of gold."

More interesting still is the explanation of the saying that silver is a parachute to break the fall of gold. The currencies of Asia being silver, the new supplies of gold do not inflate prices in Asia, but in gold countries only, and this inflation in Europe encourages Asiatic exports, "thereby securing to Asia abnormally favourable balances of trade, thus inflating the exchanges, and draining away the legal tender silver of Europe to the mints and the hoards of the Far East". The parachute is not working now, in that way; and Mr. FRENCH says, "should Asia's silver prices remain stationary, or decline, while Europe's gold prices, on the

other hand, advance rapidly, the competition of 'the yellow man using the white money', would involve a great race peril; the alteration in price levels in Orient and Occident, would give the Orientals a great advantage in industrial competition". The result of this, so far as it is already apparent in China, is a currency condition that actually operates as a restraint on trade.

The press of Cochinchina protests against the project for a monopoly of native tobacco submitted to the last meeting of the Council Superior.

The Korean Budget for 1907 shows Revenue Y13,139,336, and Expenditure Y13,963,935. The Imperial Household is allowed over a million yen.

It is expected that Than Thil will be deposed from the sovereignty of Annam and that the new Emperor will be chosen from the descendants of Gialong.

The French Ministry of Marine has concluded a contract with the Messageries Maritimes for the acquisition, should contingencies arise, of four passenger ships to serve as auxiliary cruisers. Two of the boats mentioned are the *Touanne* and the *Toukin*.

Although no invitation cards are being sent out, the Commandant of the H.K.V.C. officers and men, hope that ladies will brighten the new Headquarters with their presence to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon from half past four to six. The new premises are said to be very fine, and deserve a happy inauguration at this "At Home" affair.

The *Daily Mail*, which many have considered to be American in its methods, was a powerful enemy of the now abandoned Soap Trust. It said the most farthest things of the Trust, and on November 7th published a full page map showing what soap-trust shops were available in every part of England. It recommended its readers to buy those.

Before Mr. P. A. Hazeland and a jury at the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon an inquiry was held concerning the death of Chao Loi, a prisoner in Victoria Jail. The medical evidence showed that death was due to acute peritonitis caused by ulceration and perforation of the stomach, and the jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

The "Petrarch," which was considered a total wreck, has been floated off the bottom and is now resting on lighters. What will be done with her is not yet decided. When the "Petrarch" has finished her work here she will undertake the task of raising the "Kwong Chow." A work which the Chinese sailors have now given up after two months' efforts. The "Soregon" has also been raised.

A Chinese woman residing at West Point is said to have recently borrowed a friend's jewellery to attend a festival, and to have pawned it a few days afterwards. The friend pressed her to return it, but as she had not sufficient money to redeem the jewellery she was unable to do so, the result being that a prosecution was threatened. To escape this the woman is supposed to have committed suicide by taking opium.

Ho Hau, a foki employed in a tobaccoist shop at 140 Des Vaux Road Central, while in an opium divan on Wednesday afternoon, struck up an acquaintance with an unemployed coolie who said he was in want of money. He was not opulent, but on telling his companion where he was employed, the latter suggested robbing the tobaccoist. At first Ho declined, but eventually consented to carry out the arrangement suggested. On the night in question he admitted his friend to the shop, and the two were departing with a box of clothing when a constable arrested them. Mr. Hazeland sentenced each of the defendants to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

The pious workers for the Asilo de S. Enlace, while deeply grateful to the lady stallholders at the recent bazaar, to those who attended and bought, to the bazaarmaster and men of the Band who played for no reward, to the officers who permitted them to play, to the donors who gave or helped in any way, are obliged to confess that their receipts are still inadequate to their requirements. Subscriptions are still being solicited and collected, and it is evidently only the general tightness of money that is responsible for the falling off in material support, for their work commands sympathy and approval throughout the Colony. What they now depend upon is a greater number of "widows' mites," which will be as helpful as the larger donations.

A Royal Marine Light Infantry pensioner writes to the Press: "The statement of Commander the Hon. W. G. Stopford that 'on the knee' is a 'common enough order in the Navy' is certainly news to me. I have had upwards of thirty years' service in the Navy, and have never known such an order given to men unless used in combination with some other order to be executed—viz., under arms, preparing for cavalry, in Light Infantry drill on the rifle range, and so on. I am anxious to hear the section in the Drill Book under which 'on the knee' is used." An ex-Naval Petty Officer Portsmouth, says: "I only wonder the Portsmouth Naval Barracks mutiny has not happened before. I have often heard one officer there make a dozen men go 'on the knee'. The purpose has been to impress on the men that they are in a state of servility."

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, December 13th.

The Transvaal constitution has been published. The Council will comprise fifteen, and there will be a Legislative Assembly of sixty-nine members. It embraces white manhood suffrage and the payment of members.

The repeal of the Chinese Labour Ordinance is expected immediately.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, December 13th.

Earl Shannon and Sir John Leng are dead.

(Sir John Leng, M.P., is a well-known Scots) newspaper proprietor, editor of the *Dundee Advertiser*, and founder of the *People's Journal*. He was 78 years old.

(The sixth Earl of Shannon was only 36 years of age. He owned nearly 12,000 acres. The seventh Earl Viscount Byle is only nine years old this month.)

GERMANY.

LONDON, December 13th.

A compromise between the Government and the Reichstag is expected.

KIANGSI RIOTS.

SHANGHAI, December 13th.

H.E. Tuan Fang is sending two regiments to the assistance of the Governor of Kiangsi, to suppress the Ping-hsing rising.

The cruisers *Tungchi* and *Hatchet* have proceeded to Kiukiang, and H.M.S. *Cadmus* follows.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

LONDON, December 11th.

The American Minister in thanking the Shortling, announced that President Roosevelt would use the prize to establish a permanent Peace Committee in Washington; righteous peace in the industrial world being as important as in the international world.

GERMANY.

LONDON, December 11th.

The Budget Committee of the Reichstag has rejected the supplementary estimate of £1,000 £1,500,000 for Danubian, including the estimates for a railway, and a much desired Government House.

CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE.

LONDON, December 11th.

Monsieur Montaigni, the Papal representative in Paris, has been searched, arrested, and will be conveyed to the frontier. The Council of Ministers this afternoon decided on the immediate liquidation of Church property, and to call upon 5,500 seminarists to perform military service.

THE ABSENT JURYMAN.

At the Supreme Court yesterday Mr. James Eadie, who failed to answer his name the previous day when called as a jurymen, appeared in response to the summons directed to be issued against him by the Chief Justice.

His Lordship—How was it you were not here yesterday?

Mr. Eadie—I had the fever, Sir.

His Lordship—How was it you did not send a medical certificate?

Mr. Eadie—I didn't have a doctor. We take quinine and cure ourselves.

His Lordship—Where do you live?

Mr. Eadie—Quarry Bay.

His Lordship—Who served the summons?

Mr. Lennard (bailliff)—I did, Sir.

His Lordship—You found Mr. Eadie in bed?

The bailliff—Yes, Sir.

His Lordship (to Mr. Eadie)—You ought to have sent a messenger.

Mr. Eadie—I was very sick, Sir.

His Lordship—I will look over it this time.

Mr. Eadie then left the Court.

NURSES AND DANCING.

A question was addressed to the Secretary for War with regard to the regulations at Netley Hospital that nurses may not take part in public or private dances except when on furlough. Mr. Rendall, who asked the question, wanted to know why nurses should be placed in a different position on the ground of sex to officers, who are free when off duty to employ their liberty as they choose. Mr. Haldane, in reply, said he had considered this question very fully and taken advice upon it. The conclusion he came to was that occasional attendance at operas, theatres, concerts, and other places of amusement was not incompatible with the due performance by a nurse of her duties, but that the late hours involved at balls and dances incapacitated nurses from giving proper attention to their patients on the following day. In reply to a supplementary question, Mr. Haldane confessed, amid loud laughter, that "the weight of authority of the experienced matron whom he had consulted had prevailed over his natural instincts."

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

December 12th.

REVOLUTIONARY POSTURE.

On the 9th instant Resident Magistrate Chai Kai-chong, the chief inspector of No. 1 Police Station, went to the Yu-shun barber shop in Tai Chat Po and, aided by a number of braves, searched the premises from roof to cellar. A number of books containing poetry of a revolutionary character were found and ten men were arrested. It appears that the barber shop was used as a meeting place by a secret society. Those arrested have given away the names of 50 or 60 of their confederates who are now searched for.

OFFICIAL REVELLERS.

The Provincial Treasurer having read in one of the local papers that on the night of 7th instant the coolies of about 60 chairs created a good deal of noise at the Tai Sha Tan reclamation by gambling while their masters were enjoying themselves in the flower-boats, has ordered the secretary of the water-works to make investigation and report to him the full list of the officials who were in the flower-boats on that night. It appears that the police tried to stop the noise but did not dare to interfere owing to the rank of the officials to whom the private chairs belonged.

FOUND OUT.

Tsai Ching To-chi of the Yuet-Han Railway recently paid a visit to H.E. Chou Fu. On the 5th instant the Viceroy returned the call at the Head Office of the Company and was astonished to learn that the Tsai had left for Hongkong. The staff of the Railway Company deputed one of their members to go to Hongkong to induce Tsai Ching To-chi to return at once.

CHINA ARMING.

Sometimes ago the Sin-Hau-Kuk ordered 3,000 mousar-repeating for the Hunan Province, through Messrs. Carlitz & Co. The rifles and ammunition having arrived at Hongkong, the Viceroy has sent a deputy to take delivery of same.

THE KWANG AND THE NAVY.

In the now postponed scheme for the reconstruction of a Chinese navy, Kwangtung would have been ordered to contribute \$300,000 and Kwangsi \$300,000.

"BLOOD MONEY."

Viceroy Chou Fu has received a cablegram from the Central Government requesting him to pay Tls. 50,000 to the United States Consul-General as compensation for the murder of missionaries in the Lienchow affair. At the beginning of this year Viceroy Shun was similarly ordered to pay Tls. 40,000 as compensation for the mission property destroyed.

LAUNCH SURVEYS.

The following notice is issued by the British Consul—
Mr. G. W. Appleby has been appointed Inspector of hulls and machinery to H.B.M. Consulate General, Canton. All British launches must be surveyed once a year, and in future no certificates other than those issued by Mr. Appleby will be accepted.

MACAO.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

December 12th.

MACAO TEJONS' BAD NAME.

Some time ago I reported several cases of grossly indecent assaults perpetrated by soldiers, I am sorry to have to state that these assaults are still being committed in different parts of the city, and the delinquents seem never to be caught. It is not advisable or safe for ladies to go out after dark without escort so long as this state of affairs continues to prevail.

THE ENGLISH CEMETERY.

Since the closing of the British Vice-Consulate in Macao, this cemetery has been sadly neglected.

TIMOR.

Various rumours have reached this city concerning this island. General Castello Branco received orders to proceed to the place and left by the last Australian mail. It is rumoured that Senhor Celestino, the Governor of the island, has been dismissed by the Home Government for certain irregularities which were discovered by the Government, and that he is now a prisoner, and that General Branco is going to investigate the matter. No definite news is obtainable until we hear direct from that colony.

TAXATION EXTRAORDINARY.

The "Escrivão do Fazenda" has ordered all the foreign shopkeepers to take their account books to his office to have every page of them stamped with a 19 cents stamp. I hear that the Indian shopkeepers have protested, alleging that they have no books here; the books are kept at their home offices in Hongkong, their shops here being only branches of their Hongkong houses. The dispensaries and "Empresas" have also been summoned to do the same.

THE MACAO LOTTERY.

It has often been wondered by the people here where the big prizes of this lottery go to. It is a long time since one was won here.

THE EX-HARBOUR MASTER.

One worthy ex-harbour master, Bear Admiral Aires Branco, is leaving for home on the 19th instant by the German mail *Prinz Regent Luitpold*. There is no doubt that numerous friends will be sorry to lose him.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The str. *Birma* is expected here on or about the 23rd inst. from Bangkok.
The N.Y.K. str. *Tango Maru* (American Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 12th inst., and is expected here on the 15th inst.

THE APPROACHING ROYAL VISIT.

Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught make their second visit to Hongkong in February next, arriving here, by a coincidence, within three days of the landing of their royal son, Prince Arthur of Connaught, in February last. Although the stay of the royal visitors will be a short one—three days, their reception will be none the less hearty and they will doubtless be welcomed with that unanimity of expression which characterises the community on such occasions. Four times before in the history of the Colony have royal visitors honoured this outpost of the British Empire and on each occasion Hongkong showed that it was second to none in its display of loyalty.

Their Royal Highnesses arrived here on the 31st March, 1890, on board the P. and O. steamer *Kaiser-i-India*, and were accorded an enthusiastic reception, the guns of the moon-of-war thundering their royal salutes, the Acting Governor and suite bidding them welcome in the name of the community, and the dense crowds assembling to show that the sentiment was a real one and gave utterance to their feelings. At the City Hall, whither Their Royal Highnesses were escorted, they were presented with an address of welcome by the Hon. P. Hyrie, and after it was acknowledged by the Duke, the visitors proceeded to Government House where they resided during their stay in the Colony. An official dinner was given in the evening, after which Their Royal Highnesses held a reception, which was attended by nearly the entire European community and a number of Indians and Chinese. On the following day the Duke inspected the Lyceum battery and Kowloon Dock, afterwards laid the foundation stone of the Praya Reclamation Works, later paid a visit to the District Grand Lodge of Freemasons, and with the Duchess attended a dinner and performance at the Ko Sing Theatre at night. On returning from Canton, the Duke and Duchess boarded the steamer *Arcturion* for Shanghai on Friday morning and took their departure after a stay of ten days.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

AN AMAR'S LOVE STORY.

A widowed man, in the employ of Mrs. Braga at 139 Praya, was charged before Mr. P. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday with attempting to commit suicide on Wednesday night. The defendant bought a bottle of opium, locked herself in her room and attired herself in her best clothing before doing the deed which was to end her troubles. After consideration, however, she changed her mind, for instead of swallowing the poison she poured it over her jacket and alarmed the house by telling the inmates she had swallowed it. The police were immediately sent for, and on their arrival she told her story. She was in love with a hawker who occupied the ground floor of the house, a married man, and by many wiles had endeavoured to win him. Her efforts in this direction, apparently, were beyond the conventional, and led to Mrs. Braga speaking to her mother. The latter is said to have severely reprimanded her daughter, and this, coupled with the fact that the hawker did not want her, was the cause of her self-complacency, but fortunately did not carry out. When the hawker learned of her devotion he became generous and offered to make her his second wife, but again the mother intervened. She did not wish her daughter, who was young and of passing beauty, to lower herself by taking a secondary position in the hawker's household, for she felt sure that some day a more appropriate suitor would appear to make the girl his "fat."

A GROWING DANGER.

INDIANS IN THE NEW TERRITORY.

A danger calling for immediate suppression is said to be that of the growing lawlessness of Indians in the New Territories. On Wednesday evening after two rich coolies had deposited their fares at Mantawai village near the cemetery at old Kowloon, they proceeded to return from Kowloon city to Yamat. When half way between the cemetery and the Chinese temple five Indians dressed in civilian clothes attacked them from behind, overpowered them and robbed them of their belongings, in all about \$3, together with the two vehicle licences. The robbers then made good their escape, and the robbed proceeded to Yamat where they reported the occurrence to the Police Station. As the attack took place in the dark, however, the coolies were unable to identify their assailants, and it is improbable that the police will be able to capture them.

A LONDON "JUNGLE."

Chicago will have its revenge in a book entitled "The Soul Market." The book is by Olive Christian Malvery (Mrs. Archibald Mackintosh), who has been acting into the heart of things in the slums and workshops of London. Much of Mrs. Mackintosh's time has been spent as a factory hand, and she has some horrible revelations to make. We are assured, "concerning the food, especially the 'eat trade.'" Mrs. Mackintosh, as Mrs. Malvery is a well-known writer on the squalid side of life in England. She guided her first-hand knowledge of the subject by cutting herself off for a time from all her friends and living in disguise among the poorest of the poor. Besides the factories, she has worked as a shop hand in various trades, and at one time appeared in a dressmaker, then became a "sweated" labourer as a wool-bundler, and a blouse and dressmaker; has tried her hand and voice as a flower-girl and a street singer, and has been a tramp, with a bunch at night on the Thames embankment. Among other things, her book contains some outspoken comments on charity and its administration in England.

NOTICE.

Communications respecting Advertisements, Subscriptions, Printing, Binding, &c., should be addressed to Mr. J. W. Kew, Manager, at the Hongkong Daily Press Office, 27th July, 1906.

Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should be sent in before 11 a.m. on day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited. Only supplied for Cash.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until discontinued.

Telegraphic Address: Press, Codes: A.R.C., 5th Ed. Editors.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS AT HOME at the New Volunteer (H.K.) Club, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), December 15th, 4.30 to 6 p.m.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1906. [2273]

NOTICE.

WE have Authorized Mr. R. PIERGERS and Mr. H. WITTM to Sign jointly our Firm per Procuration.

CARL W. SMITH & Co.
Canton, 12th December 1906. [2274]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

HAVING returned to the Colony I have this day RESIGNED CHARGE of the Company's affairs.

W. E. CLARKE,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 13th December, 1906. [2275]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SALVED GOODS and WRECKAGE now in the Custody of the Hongkong and Wharf and Goods Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, will be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION by Messrs. HUGHES & HUGHES at the Godowns at Kowloon, SATURDAY, the 22nd December, 1906, at 11 a.m. unless the same are claimed and taken delivery of and the charges due in respect thereof paid before that date.

Full particulars of the said Goods and Wreckage can be obtained from

THE POLICE

Messrs. HUGHES & HUGHES,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1906. [2276]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND TAKAO.

THE Company's Steamship "HAINAN".

Captain A. J. Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 15th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LAIDLAK & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 13th December, 1906. [2272]

BOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 261.

A REGULAR MEETING of the BOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMAN'S HALL, on TUESDAY, the 18th December, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1906. [2269]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has RESIGNED the AGENCY of the PORTLAND FLOURING MILLS CO.

A. H. RENNIE,
Hongkong, 10th December, 1906. [2246]

SITUATION WANTED.

COMPETENT STENOGRAPHER and TYPEWRITER seeks Position, "M."

Care of "Daily Press" Office,
Hongkong, 13th December, 1906. [2267]

THE Undersigned beg to invite inspection of their fine assortment of ARTISTIC ALBUMS for POETRY AND AUTOGRAPHS, ALBUMS FOR COOKERY NOTES (Marginal Headings in German), PICTORIAL POSTCARDS and POSTAGE STAMPS suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS At Prices to Suit Everybody.

GRAVE & CO.,
Hongkong Hotel Corridor,
Hongkong, 8th December, 1906. [2247]

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have now 40,000 Cubic Feet of Cold Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be Open at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. Sundry exempted to receive and deliver perishable goods.

WM. FARLANE, Manager,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1906. [2247]

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Call Flag—W.

J. W. KEW,
Manager,
Hotel Mansions, 3rd Floor,
Hongkong, 8th August, 1905. [2261]

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BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, January to June 1906. With Index. Price \$7.50. On sale at the Hongkong Daily Press Office Hongkong 27th July, 1906.

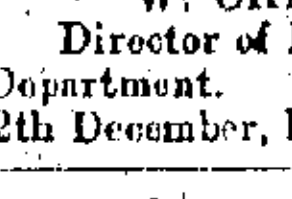
INTIMATIONS



NOTICE.

CLERK (Non-Chinese) Wanted at once for the WATER WORKS BRANCH of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. Salary \$1,320 per annum rising to \$1,560 by \$120 biennially. Must be quick, accurate and neat at figures and well acquainted with Accounts, and Book-keeping. Age 25 to 30. Applications to be addressed to the Undersigned not later than the 20th instant.

W. CHATHAM,
Director of Public Works,
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 12th December, 1906. [2266]



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of ROBERT WILLIAM HOUGHTON late of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Tailor, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting to the 25th day of December, 1906, for sending in Claims against the above Estate. All Creditors are hereby required to send their Claims to the undersigned before the said date.

Dated this 29th day of November, 1906.

ARATHOON SETH,
Official Administrator.



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of W. J. FORSYTH, Commercial Traveller, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting to the 31st day of December, 1906, for sending in Claims against the above Estate. All Creditors are hereby required to send their Claims to the undersigned before the said date.

Dated this 18th day of October, 1906.

ARATHOON SETH,
Official Administrator.



SANITARY BOARD OFFICE, Hongkong.

TO the OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS

TAKE NOTICE that No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended), every domestic building or part of such building within the Western Division of the City of Victoria, occupied by members of more than one family must be CLEANSED and LIME-WASHED THROUGHOUT by the owner during the months of November and December.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this notice means that the houses should be lime-washed in respect of all the walls of each room and staircase, all cubicle partitions, stair casings and stair linings, all ceilings and the undersides of roofs, both in main buildings, offices and servants' quarters and inclusive of verandahs.

The backyard should have its containing walls lime-washed up to the level of the first floor.

Carved, painted or polished woodwork in good condition, however, need not be lime-washed, but must be CLEANSED.

The Western Division of the City lies to the West of Tank Lane and Clergy Street.

G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1906. [2247]

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Hongkong, 6th December, 1906. [2231]

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WM. SCHMIDT & CO.,
Hongkong, 26th October, 1906. [1924]

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Hongkong, 6th December, 1906. [2233]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

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TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

HUGHES & HUGHES, Government Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 6th December, 1906. [2234]

FOR SALE.

A LARGE HOUSE of foreign style, No. 4 Rua da Prata, S. Lourenco, Macao, strongly built of excellent materials, perfectly ventilated, together with Large Gardens in front and rear.

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D. K. MOSS, Care of H. M. ROSS & Co., 4, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, 1st December, 1906. [2203]

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MRS. GILLANDERS

"GLENWOOD", 27, CAINE ROAD, Hongkong, 20th September 1905. [1751]

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Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. [43]

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NO. 1, WEST END TERRACE, Shamoon, Canton.

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HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 11th December, 1906. [2254]

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 JACOB, German str., 6,340 T. H. Hide, 13th Dec.—Haiphong 8th Dec., Mail and General.
 JOHANN, German str., 952 T. H. Hide, 13th Dec.—Singapore 4th Dec., Mail and General.
 KAWAN, Chinese str., 12th Dec., from Canton.
 OTTO, Russian str., 4,500 T. H. Hide, 13th Dec.—Vladivostok via Ichang 21st Nov.—Melchers & Co.
 SUELA, British str., 4,174 T. H. F. Wason, 13th Dec.—Southampton 3rd Nov.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 WOOD, British str., 1,845 T. A. Stoker, 13th Dec.—Suez via Suez 8th Nov.—C. C. S. S. Co.
 YANGMOO, Korean steamer, 3,457 T. O. Ota, 13th Dec.—Kuchindan 8th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 YONGHAI, British str., 12th Dec., from Canton.

CLEARANCES.
 AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE
 Dec. 13th.
 Cane, Norwegian str., for Manila.
 Carl Diederichsen, German str., for Hoihow.
 Gladys, British str., for Amoy.
 Hui'an, British str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.
 Dec. 13th.
 ACHILLE, British str., for Shanghai.
 SUELA, British str., for Shanghai.
 HUIHOW, British str., for Canton.
 KARIN, Swedish str., for Hoihow.
 KWANTUNG, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 ST. DOMINGO, for Singapore.
 TAIKANG, British str., for Shanghai.
 TONAWAN, British str., for San Francisco.

SHIPPING REPORT.
 The British str. Wootch reports: Moderate weather throughout to 13th Dec. when encountered heavy typhoon travelling N.W. How to 10 hours to 12th Dec. but two boats and damage to deck fittings. Weather to arrival strong winds and squally and fine in China sea. On the 15th Nov. spoke Russian cargo vessel, in lat. 21 48 N., long. 123 11 W., from San Francisco for Ipswich.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
 Dec. 13th.
 ABERDEEN DOCKS.—Arasquia.
 KOWLOON DOCK.—Sorenson, Monteleone, Hengshun, Frande, Sir Wm. Jervis, H.M.S. Hart, U.S.S. Pathfinder, Lumjings, Express of Japan.
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THE Steamship
 "CAPRI."
 Captain Bekito, will be despatched as above to-day, the 14th Dec., at Noon.
 At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.
 For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
 CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.
 Hongkong, 1st December, 1906. [4]

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 FOR NEW YORK.
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THE Steamship
 "VERONA."
 Captain Dobroz, will be despatched for the above Port on or about MONDAY, the 17th December.
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 Hongkong, 5th November, 1906. [3034]

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 (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR COAST.)
 PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1906.
 FOR NEW YORK.
 "SAINT PATRICK" ... 30th Dec.
 "SATSUMA" ... 18th Jan.
 For Freight and further information, apply to
 DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents.
 Hongkong, 12th November, 1906. [787]

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 Hongkong, 5th October, 1906. [1616]

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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	T. H. Hide, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DEYMONA	Brit. str.	—	R. W. H. Shaw	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 18th inst.
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA PORTS	POLYNESIEN	Brit. str.	—	Brook	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 25th inst., at 1 P.M.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL.	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Schwinghammer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 15th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS &c.	C. F. PERD. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	k.w.	H. Kirohner	MELCHERS & CO.	On 19th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE, ANTWERP & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Meyer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS &c.	SPERZA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Malchow	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 3rd Jan.
COPENHAGEN & RUSSIAN, SCANDINAVIAN &c.	CAMBODIA	Dan. str.	—	r. Hoff	MELCHERS & CO.	On 25th Jan.
NAPLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Jäger	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About Beginning of Jan.
NAPLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG	HOHENSTAUFEN	Ger. str.	k.w.	Malchow	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 11th Jan.
TRIESTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE &c.	SPERZA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Bahle	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 8th Feb.
ODessa	E. F. FERDINAND	Rus. str.	—	Matcovich	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	About 27th inst.
NEW YORK	VERONA	Ger. str.	—	Dobroz	CARLOWITZ & Co., LTD.	About end of Dec.
NEW YORK	SAINT PATRICK	Brit. str.	—	French	CARLOWITZ & Co., LTD.	About 17th inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	VANDALIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 20th inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 2nd Jan.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	TARTAR	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 9th Jan., at Noon.
SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS VIA JAPAN	FLAUBERT	Am. str.	—	F. G. Parrington	DODWELL & Co., LTD.	On 31st inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KASATO MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. C. T. S. Filmer	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 2nd inst., at Noon.
CHANGSHA	SANDAKAN	Brit. str.	—	G. Wendig	MELCHERS & CO.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
CHANGSHA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	T. Moore	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th Jan.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KINA	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	DAPHNE	Ger. str.	k.w.	J. H. Brown	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 25th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YOHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	C. D. Goldsmith	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th Jan.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SUELA	Brit. str.	—	W. P. Baker	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 15th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	On 16th inst., Daylight.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	WAIHING	Ger. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ITHAKA	Ger. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SHOSHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Nomoto	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 19th inst., Daylight.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SEYDLITZ	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	On 19th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SPERZA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Malchow	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	JOHNIE	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 23rd inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	H. Ohta	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	JOHNIE MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Ito	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst., at 8 A.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	FUKUSHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Robinson	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 18th inst., Daylight.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SUNGKIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	R. Almond	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	RUII	Brit. str.	—	A. G. Smith	DOUGLAS, LAURENCE & Co.	To-day, at 5 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. W. Outerbridge	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	SHAW, TOMES & Co.	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	R. Houghton	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	Bekito	CARLOWITZ & Co.	To-day, at Noon.
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 Hongkong, 10th December, 1906. [15]

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"KINA" ...	About 26th Dec.
	"SIBIRIEN" ...	About 27th Jan.
ODESSA	"PETRONIA" ...	About end of Dec.
	"ARCONIA" ...	About Beginning of Jan.
COPENHAGEN and RUSSIAN	"CAMBODIA" ...	About Beginning of Jan.
SCANDINAVIAN and GERMAN	"KINA" ...	About end of Jan.

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 Hongkong, 14th December, 1906. [1357]

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).
 FOR

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
MANILA	"LOONGSANG" ...	Friday, 14th Dec. 4 P.M.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" ...	Saturday, 15th Dec. Noon.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	"KWONGSANG" ...	Sunday, 16th Dec. daylight.
SHANGHAI	"WAIHING" ...	Tuesday, 18th Dec. Noon.

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 Hongkong, 14th December, 1906. [13]

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 HABSBURG ... Capt. Filler ... 8th March

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 FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE, and HAMBURG.
 RHENANIA ... Capt. v. Hoff ... 14th December
 HOHENSTAUFEN ... Capt. Jaeger ... 11th January
 SILESIA ... Capt. Jaeger ... 8th February
 SCANDIA ... Capt. Doehren ... 22nd March
 HABSBURG ... Capt. Filler ... 5th April

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 FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ... 20th December
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 *HOHENSTAUFEN ... For MARSEILLES & HAMBURG VIA PORTS 15th January
 AMBRIA ... For HAVRE & HAMBURG ... 24th January
 *SILESIA ... For NAPLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG ... 2nd February
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Steamers	Tons.	Captain	Sailing Date.
PLEIADES	3,753	F. G. Parrington	On 31st December.
LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	On 9th January.
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 Hongkong, 4th December, 1906. [1]

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 S.S. "YARRA" ... 8th Jan.
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 S.S. "OCEANIE" ... 5th Feb.
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 Hongkong, 12th December, 1906. [2]

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 Water on Blocks at Spring Tide ... 34 "
 DOCK No. 1.
 Extreme Length ... 523 feet.
 Length on Blocks ... 513 "
 Width of Entrance on Top ... 82 "
 Width of Entrance on Bottom ... 77 "
 Water on Blocks at Spring Tide ... 61 "
 DOCK No. 2.
 Extreme Length ... 571 feet.
 Length on Blocks ... 554 "
 Width of Entrance on Top ... 66 "
 Width of Entrance on Bottom ... 53 "
 Water on Blocks at Spring Tide ... 22 "

PATENT SLIP.
 Suitable for vessels up to 1,000 TONS.

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